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TITLE SID RICHARDSON REFINING COMPANY et al -vs- UNITED STATES, Civil Action No. 673, U. S. District Court, Southern District of Texas			CHARACTER OF CASE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Information also obtained reflecting that the Sid Richardson Refining Company resumed operations following the Texas City Disaster on 5/15/47.

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DETAILS:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. F. Lorton, Jr.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">+ 3</div>	
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T-1, whose information is usually reliable, advised that as of June 30, 1950, the following individuals were executives of the Sid Richardson Refining Company:

FREEMAN W. BURFORD - President
G. W. MOSLEY - Secretary-Treasurer
PERRY R. BASS - Vice-president
SID W. RICHARDSON - Director
FREEMAN W. BURFORD - Director
PERRY R. BASS - Director
J. E. HILL - Director
M. E. PERRY - Director.

T-1 further advised that the Sid Richardson Refining Company is a Texas corporation chartered in January, 1947 with an authorized capital of \$100,000.00 all paid in cash.

FREEMAN W. BURFORD resides in Texas City, Texas, and as of June 30, 1950 was Accounting Manager of this company. MOSLEY, HILL and PERRY are employees of Sid W. Richardson, according to T-1.

T-1 further advised on April 17, 1947 the refinery building of the Sid Richardson Refining Company was damaged by the Texas City Explosion and that a definite estimate of the damages sustained by the company's refinery was not obtained, but that it was learned that the damage was sufficiently protected by insurance; satisfactory settlement was made, and operation of the company resumed on May 15, 1947. This business is reportedly conducted as a branch with headquarters maintained in Fort Worth, Texas. T-1 stated that on June 22, 1950 it was learned that the Texas City Plant was dormant and was maintaining only a skeleton crew of about sixteen employees. According to T-1 the Texas City Plant of the Sid Richardson Refining Company occupies an estimated one hundred acres in an industrial area in Texas City. The plant equipment includes several Recycling

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Plants, a two story brick building, and some thirty to fifty storage tanks. T-1 estimated the investment in Texas City of the Sid Richardson Refining Company was \$5,000,000.00.

ENCLOSURES TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, HOUSTON



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ADMINISTRATIVE

INFORMANT

T-1 is Dun and Bradstreet, Houston, Texas.

LEADS

THE HOUSTON DIVISION

At Houston, Texas

*Will assemble and report further information bearing on these claims, if and when Attorneys in this case, AUSTIN Y. BRYAN and DAVID BLAND, make available to this office information in their files.

At Galveston, Texas

*Will follow and report final adjudication of this case.

REFERENCE

Report of Special Agent GEORGE J. SHLA, dated March 10, 1951, at Houston, Texas.